

HOUSE RESOLUTION 7004
By Godsey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Earl B. Stump of Bristol, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Earl Stump; and

WHEREAS, Earl Stump was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stump served with acumen and alacrity as an employee of Sherwin Williams, retiring after twenty-seven years of service, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Earl Stump served astutely as a member of the King Masonic Lodge of Bristol, Virginia, and Bristol Chapter No. 28 of the Order of Eastern Star; and

WHEREAS, he was a graduate of Honaker High School, and was an active and devout member of the Euclid Avenue Baptist church, where he served faithfully for many years as a deacon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stump was known to have a special love for children, and was deeply devoted to his many friends and family members, continuing to paint and hang wallpaper for them following his retirement; he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, by his passing, Earl Stump has been reunited with his parents, Albert and Carrie Stump, and with six brothers, Paul, Frank, Clarence, Ellis, Andrew, and Ralph, and one sister, Louise; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of forty-eight years, Carrie Lou Farthing Stump; his daughter, Kimberly Arnold of Winter Garden, Florida; two sisters, Elizabeth Ward of

Zanesville, Ohio, and Carrie Mae Gilespeie of Parisburg, Virginia; two brothers, Garland Stump of Dunedin, Florida, and Arthur Lee Stump of Wytheville, Virginia; two sisters-in-law, Mary Nell Vines and her husband, Brownie, of Burlington, North Carolina, and Marie Farthing of Boone, North Carolina; as well as several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Earl Stump leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Earl B. Stump, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Earl B. Stump.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.